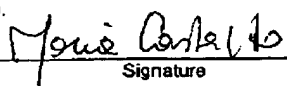


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Sir:

The Office Action of April 6, 2006 has a shortened statutory time set to expire on July 6, 2006. A two-month extension is hereby requested pursuant to 37 CFR §1.136(a).

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